

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 12-17 and 25-30 are pending in the present application.

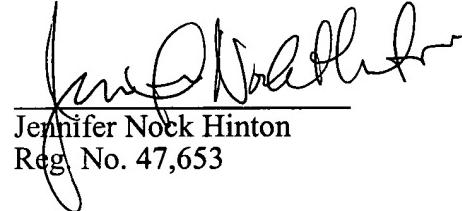
By the present amendment claims 7-11, 18-24 and 31-38 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are patentably distinct from the prior art and each from the other and this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or fee deficiency under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 23-0630.

Respectfully submitted,

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